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"If future generations are to remember us with gratitude rather than contempt, we must leave them something more than the miracles of technology. We must leave them a glimpse of the world as it was in the beginning, not just after we got through with it." - Lyndon B. Johnson

Restore the Willamette. Portland needs a river that is clean and healthy for people and for wildlife. Right now, the draft cleanup plan will leave more than 85 percent of the 2,100 acre Superfund area contaminated with PCBs, DDT, mercury, arsenic, lead and other toxic substances. Many people in the area subsistence fish in the Willamette and they deserve to be able to fish without fear of consuming toxins.

I am asking you to do the following:

1. EPA should select Alternative G with additional dredging in areas of high human use, areas of high ecological value, and areas where there is high risk of recontamination of the river.
2. EPA should set much clearer timelines and metrics for success including setting an explicit date by which Portland Harbor specific fish consumption advisories will be lifted.
3. EPA should select an alternative that allows all members of the community to eat fish safely from the river, including women of childbearing age and children.
4. EPA's cleanup plan should include the heavily contaminated uplands as well as the heavily contaminated river.
5. EPA should do a much better job of addressing environmental justice issues, including reviewing and correcting significant deficiencies in its public engagement strategies for future phases of the Superfund process and delineating strategies for ensuring the jobs, economic benefits and other benefits associated with the Superfund process to the local community and particularly to underserved communities that have been impacted by contamination in Portland Harbor.

6. EPA should eliminate the confined disposal facility which would create a permanent toxic waste dump in our river.

Please do the right thing for Portlanders and the river, not polluters, and provide a cleanup plan that will result in a clean and healthy river.

Thank you.

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